

AZ National Guard
Human Relations Advisory Staff Newsletter

May 1999

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month *“Celebrating our Legacy”*

The United States is a nation comprised almost entirely of immigrants and their descendants. The interaction of different cultures, each of which has become a vital part of a culture uniquely American, constantly revitalizes our national spirit and heritage. The United States owes a debt of gratitude to Asian Pacific Americans for their contributions.

In 1978, Representatives Norman Mineta and Frank Horton, along with Senators Spark Matsunaga and Daniel Inouye, introduced resolutions stating that “the President is hereby authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating the 7 day period beginning on May 4, 1979, as ‘Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week.’ It is now almost 20 years since the original proclamation was signed, and Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week has been celebrated every year. Asian-Pacific American Heritage Week fosters an increased awareness of the history and contributions of Asian and Pacific Americans and inspires a renewed sense of pride among Americans of Asian and Pacific ancestry.

May was chosen because several significant events in Asian and Pacific American history occurred during this month. For example, on May 7, 1843, the first Japanese immigrants arrived in America. On May 10, 1869, the Golden Spike, signifying the contributions of Chinese Americans in building this country’s transcontinental railroad, was driven.

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UPCOMING 1999 EVENTS

- 4 - 8 May - IMAGE, Inc. Conf. (Ft. Worth, TX)**
- 19 May - HRAS meeting (9 - 2:30; AZ RTI)**
- 31 May - Memorial Day**
- 10-15 July - NAACP Conference (New York, NY)**
- 19-20 July - FEW NTP (Phoenix Civic Plaza)**
- 10 Sep - HEP/FWP Conf (Phx YWCA Conf Ctr)**



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Asian-Pacific American Facts

Who are the Asian-Pacific Americans??



According to definitions provided by the Census Bureau, Asians include persons who report their race or identify themselves as shown below. They may be collectively described as Asian-Pacific Americans.

Asians	Other Asians	Pacific Islanders	Melanesians
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Chinese•Filipino•Indian (Asian)•Japanese•Korean•Vietnamese	Bangladeshi Burmese Cambodian Hmong Indonesian Laotian Malaysian Singaporean Pakistani Sri Lankan Thai Amerasian Eurasian	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Polynesians•Micronesians•Melanesians	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Hawaiian•Samoan•Guamanian•Tahitian•Northern Mariana Islander•Palauan•Fijian

Training -- EEO, Preventing Sexual Harassment, Preventing Violence in the Work place, etc. training is available from this office. Supervisors should call to schedule.

All DEMA policy letters related to these subjects must be posted on bulletin boards, as stated.

“Resolve to be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant with the weak... because sometime in your life you will have been all of these.”